

Please amend the Specification according to the following marked up paragraphs.

[0009] This object is also inventively achieved via a device to test the operating safety of a process control device, comprising: a ~~an~~ control element;

5 an actuator to move the control element; a position controller in a safety circuit; a control unit that is connected with the position controller configured to exchange control signals and is coupled to the actuator, such that the actuator can be operated via the control unit to move the control element in order to move the control element from an initial condition to a final condition in the event of

10 incident with the aid of a controlling of the actuator by the control unit; a measurement device configured to acquire measurement signals that indicate a movement of the control element from the initial condition; the position controller comprising a control signal generator configured to generate a control signal for a partial movement of the control element in the course of a test cycle for the

15 process control device, and to transmit the control signal via a signal connection from the position controller to the control unit.